

The Blunderous ADVENTURES OF

NaseehaMan

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About Zuhair Munshey

Rahimahullaahu Ta'aala

Many of you out there may not know who Zuhair Munshey was, but to our online community at IslamicNetwork.Com, his death was a huge loss. Zuhair was with our community way back at the beginning and was an active part of CG as well as many other places in the online Islamic world. He continued to become one of the most supportive IN'ers out there. But aside from all that, he was simply a great person.

Zuhair was an enthusiastic blogger and initially came to IN wanting to be part of the blogroll. However, when I (always on the lookout for art and content for the site) noticed a few crude comics he included as an afterthought to his writing submissions, I knew I had found what I was looking for.

What made "The Blunderous Adventures of NaseehaMan" dif-

ferent was that they were pieces of humor every Muslim could relate to. I had been to a few Islamic art conferences and had seen some other comics, but they all consisted of a lame catch phrase or simply some guy who aspired to be an artist but didn't really have any developed ideas to offer. And, well, none of them made me laugh.

I doubt very much Zuhair had any real idea his comics would strike a chord in me (or anyone else), but I immediately saw the potential – they were humorous and cute, with a distinctive style. I don't expect everyone to be a Rembrandt, and although NaseehaMan was done in MS Paint, the comics did manage to make me laugh. All I ask is that an artist have some originality, some competence, and a style which stays true. And Zuhair definitely had his own style.

So I took Zuhair under my wing and helped him develop his ideas. I must say, he was an absolute pleasure to work with. I asked him the first day if he minded brutal honesty and he said

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NASEEHAMAN, I HAVE A PROBLEM. MY PARENTS WANT ME TO MEMORIZE THE QURAAN.

YEAH, SO? WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

WELL, I THINK THE ONLY REASON THEY WANT ME TO IS SO THAT I CAN TAKE THEM TO JANNAH WITH ME.

UHM, I STILL DON'T REALLY SEE A PROBLEM.

AND THEY FIGURE SINCE I'LL TAKE THEM TO JANNAH ANYWAYS, THEY DON'T NEED TO PRAY OR FAST OR DO ANYTHING.

UH OH, I THINK I'M BEGINNING TO SEE THE PROBLEM

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NASEEHAMAN, I
HAVE A BAD HABIT
OF LYING. WHAT
SHOULD I DO?

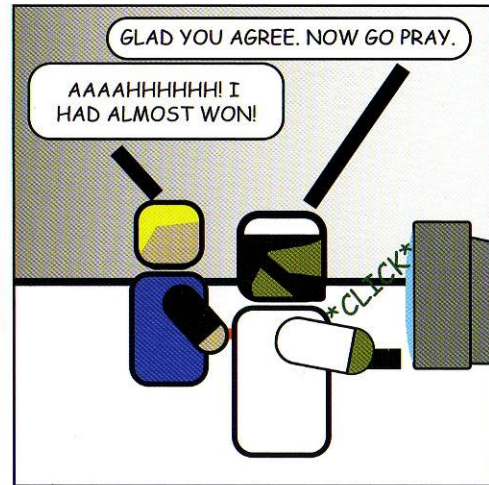
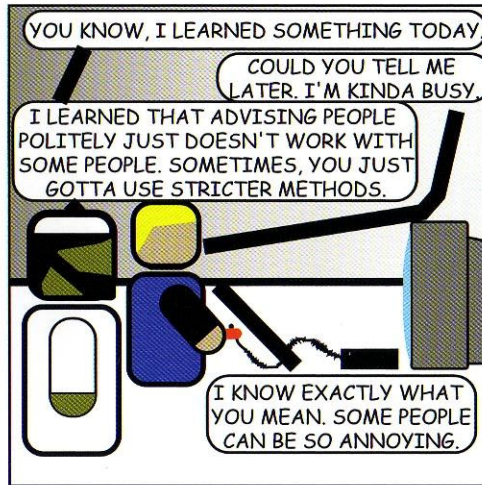
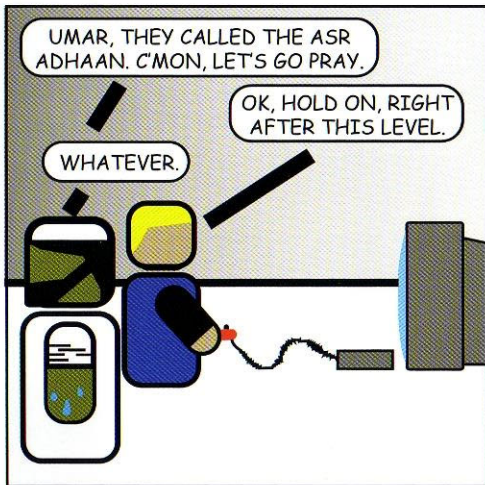
HMMM, I SEE.
SO YOU LIE A
LOT, EH?

NO I DON'T.
WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?

BUT DIDN'T
YOU JUST SAY...

NO, I HAVEN'T SAID
ANY THING SINCE I
GOT HERE. YOU
MUST BE HEARING
THINGS MAN.

RIIIIGHT.
COUGH
LIAR!
COUGH



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